

forming the youth of the nation! One such club as I have tried to sketch in outline, successfully worked, would raise the standard of work among working boys, just as Elmira has shifted the low-water mark of reformatory work. And good work is fruitful and multiplies. Elmira in 1876, was followed by Concord in 1884, by Pennsylvania, Minnesota and Colorado in 1889, and by Ohio, Illinois and Ontario later still. And so one really adequate Boys' Club would not remain solitary for long.

In such work as this, even party shibboleths lose their power to divide. It is at once progressive and conservative; progressive because it tends most

powerfully to raise the moral and intellectual tone of the democracy; conservative because, more perhaps than any other kind of work, it brings into friendlier relations the sundered classes, and helps to raise the people above the influence of mere ignorant demagoguery.

And finally, in the great warfare against crime, that great struggle to the necessity and seriousness of which society is only just awakening, such work as this is one of the keenest and most effective weapons. Take care of the boys and the men will take care of themselves. The best way of fighting crime is not to cage it in the man, but to slay it in the boy.

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MASTER.

Master went a-hunting
 When the leaves were falling.
 We saw him on the bridle path,
 We heard him gayly calling:
 "Oh master, master, come you back,
 For I have dreamed a dream so black!"
 A glint of steel from bit and heel,
 The chestnut cantered faster;
 A red flash seen amid the green,
 And so good-by to master.

Master came from hunting,
 Two silent comrades bore him;
 His eyes were dim, his face was white,
 The mare was led before him;
 "Oh master, master, is it thus
 That you have come again to us?"
 I held my lady's ice-cold hand,
 They bore the bundle past her.
 Why should they go so soft and slow?
 It matters not to master.

A. Conan Doyle.